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1. Communist efforts to standardize and centralize administration have interfered with the previously practiced system of control by native chieftains (T'ü Shu 土司) in the provinces of southwestern China.¹ As a result, many of the native chiefs have rebelled, and some have been killed by the Communists.

2. One of these southwestern chieftains, CH' IEN Chen-ch'i (錢植棋), head of the Fan Chang (繁瑋) District, is the leader of native chiefs in 18 districts of southern Yunnan. Among his subordinates, the following had been killed by the Communists before early 1951:

CHAO Fu-hsing (趙福星), chief of Ch'i Ch'u (溪湖) District.

LUNG Chien-ch'ien (龍健乾), chief of Na Keng (納東) District.

P'U Chia-jen (普家仁), chief of Kuan T'ing (管庭) District. 2

P'U P'ing-chieh (普平階), chief of Yung Lo (永樂) District.

SUN Hsiao-wen (孫小文), chief of Shang K'uan Jung (上寬容) District.

TIAO Chia-chu (刁家桂), chief of Meng Ia (猛拉) District.

3. CH'IEH stated that the remaining 12 chiefs have been forced to hide in the mountains or have been badly beaten by the Communists. They are:

LI Ch'eng-hsiang (李星樺), chief of Fen T'ao (分曉) District.

LUNG Pang-ch'eng (龍邦輝), chief of K'ao T'io (犒哩) District. 3

BAI Jih-hsin (白日新), chief of Meng Neng (猛弄) District.

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P'U Chia-hsi (曹家禧), chief of Hsin Chieh (新街) District.
 P'U Hung-wu (曹洪武), chief of Ch'ung An (崇安) District.
 P'U Kuo-cheng (曹國政), chief of T'ai Ho (太河) District.
 P'U Kuo-liang (曹國梁), chief of Tsung Ch'ia (宗治) District.
 P'U Kuo-tung (曹國棟), chief of Sung Wa (宋瓦) District.
 SUN Tsung-k'ung (孫宗孔), chief of Liu Ch'uan (六春) District.
 SUN Yin-tsung (孫蔭宗), chief of Shang K'uan Jung District.
 T'AO T'ieh-min (陶鉄民), chief of Lo K'ung (樂孔) District.
 WU Chi-ch'ang (吳繼昌), chief of Tsoung (102-15, 23-16) District.

4. These chiefs have been maintaining resistance against the Communists since the area was invaded. They intend to continue their fight and are willing to cooperate with the Nationalist government both in fighting and in the collection of information and the establishment of a radio station to forward their reports. CH'EN believes he can easily muster 50,000 men from his domain if ammunition and equipment are supplied them from outside.
5. CH'EN is 31; he was born in Shih T'ei (石梯), Yunnan. He is a graduate of Yunnan Provincial Higher Middle School. The men under his control are of the 1 (一) Tribe.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Under the Nationalist government, the rule of border districts in southwestern China was left to hereditary tribal chiefs. When the central government issued any orders or regulations for the areas they controlled, it was customary first to ask the approval of the chiefs affected. The Communists declared this system illegal and abolished it.

2. [REDACTED] Comment. P'U Chia-jen was reported in October 1950 as commander of 2,500 anti-Communist guerrillas in Yunnan but under arrest. See [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] mentions LUNG P'eng-ch'eng as commander of 5,000 anti-Communist guerrillas in the Chinping and Yuanchiang regions of Yunnan in October 1950. It was reported in [REDACTED] that as of 25X1A March 1951 LI Mi was planning to use him as commander of the 9 Column, 2 Military and Political District. He may be identical with LUNG Pang-ch'eng.

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